

June 28, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

President Davis called the Regular Meeting to order, and Barr led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. at the Empire Township Hall. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith and Treasurer Nelson were absent and excused. Deputy Clerk Acton and new Treasurer Schultz were also present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Dye support by Rademacher to approve the agenda as presented. Upon a voice vote, **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Comment was made that the easements acquired by the Village were intended to be turned over to the Drainage District.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Palmer, support by Dye to approve the Consent Agenda removing the word “disdainful” under public comments in the minutes of the Work Session 6-9-22, Regular Meeting 5-24-22 and not pay the Bills totaling \$18,006.53 as the list was not received. It was noted that the vendors and bill amounts could be read aloud. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Palmer Nays: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Rademacher. MOTION DEFEATED.** Motion by Palmer, support by Dye to approve the Consent Agenda striking the word “disdainful” under public comments in the minutes of the Work Session 6-9-22, Regular Meeting 5-24-22 and the Bills totaling \$18,006.53 after being read aloud so they can be timely paid. Bills by vendor and total were read aloud by Deputy Clerk Acton. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Barr, Bacon, Chase, Dye, Davis, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Treasurer’s report was received, the DSF fund negative balance was noted, and Shannon Schultz was introduced as the new Treasurer completing the term of Treasurer Nelson who has resigned for personal reasons.

COMMUNICATIONS – Email from Mark Breederland was read aloud.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – DPW and Zoning Administrator reports were read aloud.

COUNCIL MEMBER /COMMITTEE REPORTS – Water committee report was reviewed, and the rates and fees will be ready for the July Work Session. Tree Committee report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – New Neighborhood July 4th - Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to close Pokagon Street from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. on July 4th. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **MOTION PASSED.**

DRAINAGE DISTRICT RESOLUTION – Drain Commissioner Christenson explained that easements will be required to be assigned to the Drainage District regardless of the final decision

regarding location. **Motion by Dye, support by Palmer to adopt the Resolution assigning easements to South Bar Lake Outlet, recorded as Document Nos. 2020004386 and 2204388, Leelanau County Records, to the South Bar Lake Drain Drainage District.** Questions included whether the Village is expected to conduct maintenance now that District has been formed and how that might happen. Engineer Cenci stated that if maintenance is required, the Drain Commissioner would hire someone, possibly Village staff, to perform such. If the easements are no longer needed by the Drainage district, they would be returned to the Village. It was noted that no agreement currently exists between the Village and the Drainage District for reimbursement of costs to clean out the outlet. Whether the Village Attorney had reviewed the Resolution and if the owners of the property with the easements had been notified was questioned. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher. Nays: Bacon, Barr, Davis. MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – Appreciation was extended to the Drain Commissioner and Engineer for attending and answering questions; and to the audience for attending.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:37 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

These minutes were approved at the July 26, 2022, Regular Council meeting.